

Department of Human Resources 311 West Saratoga Street Baltimore MD 21201

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Family Investment Administration ACTION TRANSMITTAL

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Issuance Date: March 31, 2015

TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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OFFICES AND STAFF

FROM: ROSEMARY MALONE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIA

DEBBIE RUPPERT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OES, DHMH Denby Ruguer

RE: CARES MODIFICATIONS TO SUPPORT HBX

PROGRAM AFFECTED: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MA) AND TEMPORARY CASH

ASSISTANCE (TCA)

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

SUMMARY:

In November 2014, the Health Benefit Exchange (HBX) became the main healthcare platform for Medicaid (MA) customers, and customers applying for subsidized health insurance. Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) MA households, (F-Track, P-Track and S98 Childless Adult assistance units) now use the HBX system to apply for Medical Assistance, receive eligibility determinations and recertify eligibility for Medical Assistance. Customers have the option of visiting a Local Health Department (LHD) office, Local Department of Social Services (LDSS) office, Regional Connector Entity, or to apply online at www.marylandhealthconnection.gov, to enroll for benefits.

Effective April 1, 2015, the following modifications will occur in CARES to support the HBX system:

- F01 Medical Assistance will no longer be linked to TCA assistance units.
- CARES notices will instruct customers how to apply for and receive Medical Assistance using the HBX.
- New error messages will remind case managers to process MAGI eligibility in the HBX.

This transmittal provides details of the changes that will occur for MAGI assistance units. Case processing for non-MAGI assistance units (S-Track, G-Track, L-Track, X-Track, T-Track, E-Track and H-Track) will not change.

CARES CHANGES:

Effective April 1, 2015 case managers must process <u>all</u> MAGI (F-Track, P-Track and S98 Childless Adult) assistance units in the HBX. Following are the CARES changes:

Delinking of F01 Coverage

- For new TCA applications with a benefit month of April 1, 2015 and beyond, TCA AUs will have an AU number with no Medical Assistance coverage (F01) attached.
- TCA assistance units that were active and pended in CARES prior to April
 1, 2015 will continue to have F01 tag-a-long coverage until a scheduled or
 unscheduled redetermination is completed. When redeterminations are
 completed, the F01 coverage will automatically close, and case managers
 will need to assist customers to apply for medical coverage in the HBX.
- TCA applications processed in CARES April 1, 2015 and beyond will not display the F01 coverage group on the INCH screen during screening.
- TCA application dates of April 1, 2015 and beyond will not display F01 coverage group on the following screens:

o APP1 Process Appl Months

o APP2 Finalize Application

o CAFI Cash/MA Financial Eligibility

o DONE Session Summary

o ELIG Non-Financial Eligibility Results

o PART Client Participation History

o REIN Reinstatement

o SAIS SAIL Application Inquiry Screen

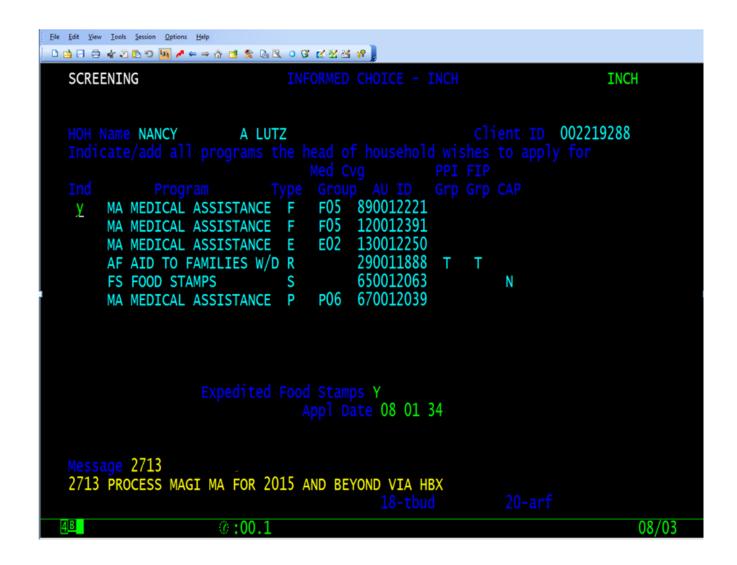
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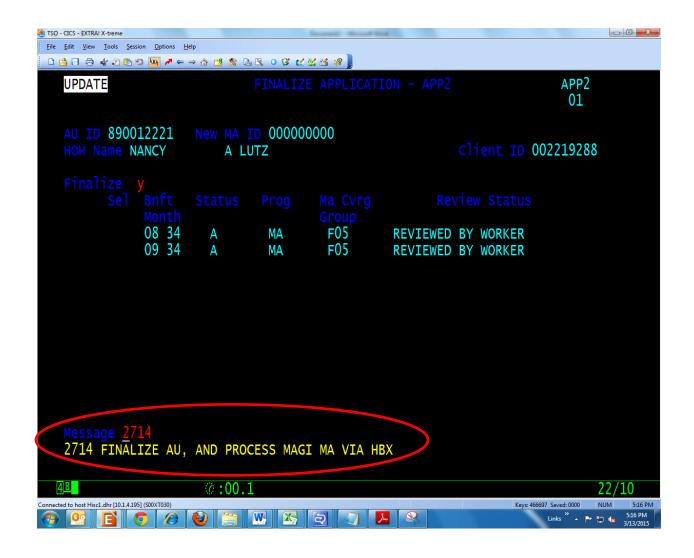
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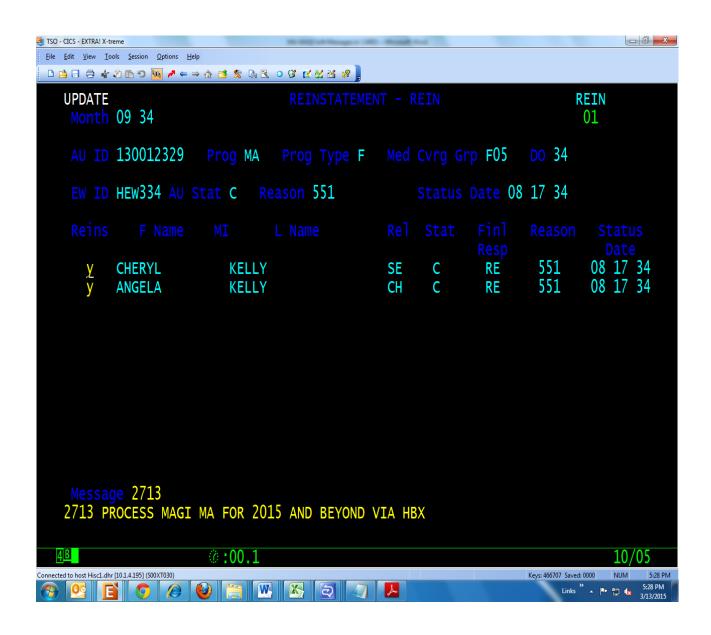
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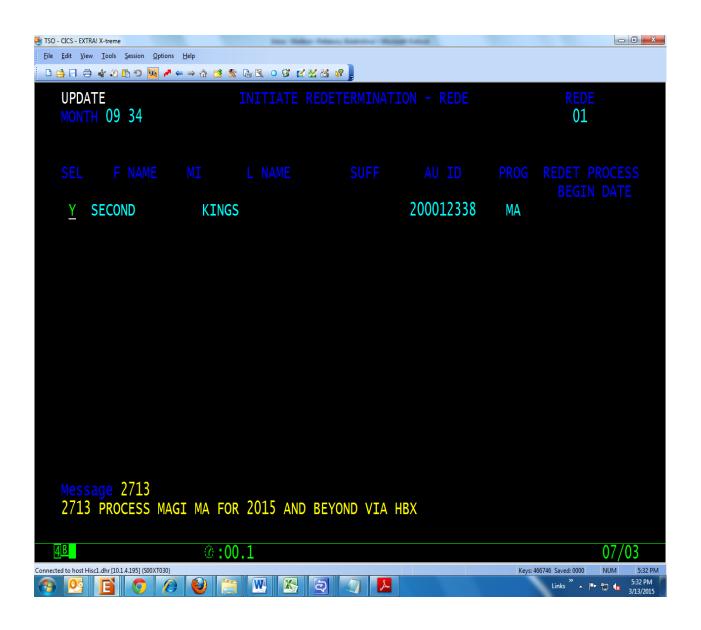
- Sprouting of an F-Track or P-Track MA coverage group will not occur in CARES as of April 1, 2015.
- Existing MAGI assistance units in CARES will continue to trickle.

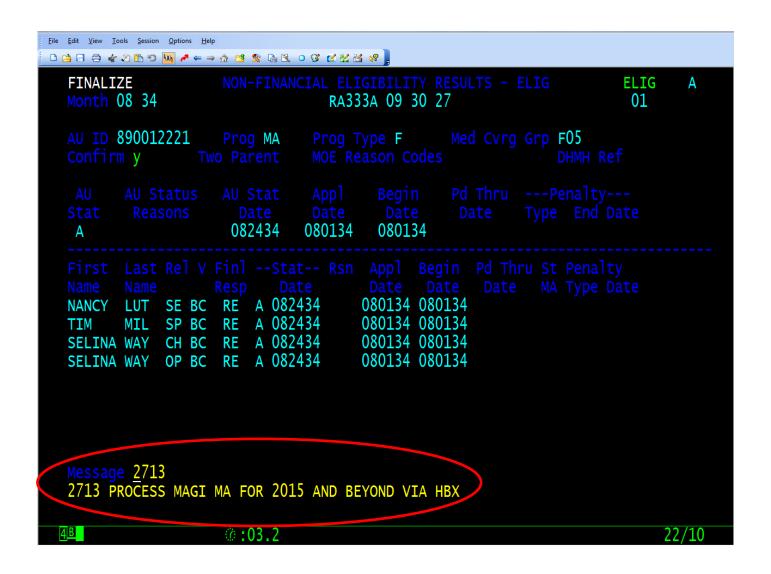
- If a case manager attempts to process a MAGI assistance unit in CARES on or after April 1, 2015 a soft edit that states: "2713 PROCESS MAGI MA FOR 2015 AND BEYOND VIA HBX" will appear on the following screens:
 - o INCH
 - o REIN
 - o REDE
 - o ELIG
 - o APP2



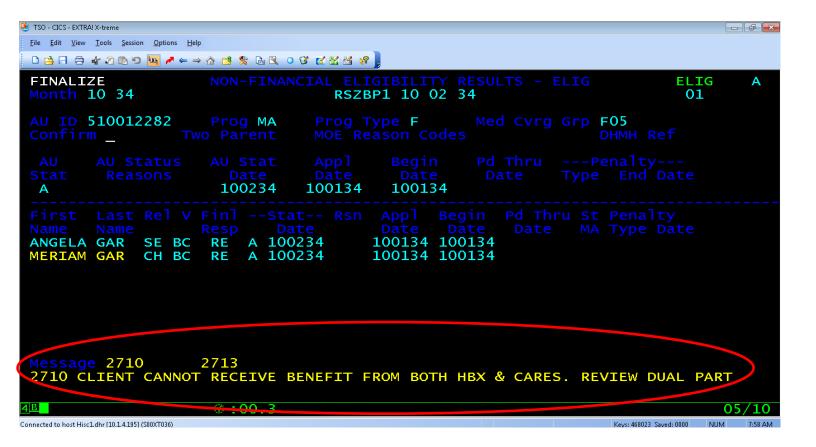








 Effective April 1, 2015 and beyond, a dual participation edit will display in CARES only on MAGI cases (F/P tracks) when a customer is actively receiving Medical Assistance in the HBX system.



> Notice Changes

The following notices will now instruct customers how to apply for Medical Assistance in the HBX, instead of CARES. Each notice will also contain a list of Maryland Health Connection Connector Entities, Local Department of Social Services (LDSS) and Local Health Department offices.

Notice 4 - Approval

CAROLINE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
300 MARKET STREET
DENTON, MARYLAND MD 21629-1229

District: CAROLINE LDSS Customer ID: ######## Case Manager: MS. J DOE Telephone: (410) 238-1303 Date: 04/23/15

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Insert in Return Envelope with the Address Below Showing

MS. First Last Name 1 WHY ST ELLICOTT CITY MD 21043 CAROLINE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
300 MARKET STREET
DENTON, MARYLAND MD 21629

Dear MS. Last Name

APPROVAL FOR TCA

Accepting Cash Assistance is a temporary means of supporting your family. Our goal for you is Independence.

Based on your application dated ##/##/##, you are eligible for Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) effective ##/##/##. Your period of eligibility is through ##/##. This means you will receive benefits during this period unless there is a change in your situation. Before the end of this period, we will contact you to review your eligibility.

You will get your benefits as part of the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) System. You will receive your EBT card in the mail. You will also receive directions for how to set your personal identification number (PIN). YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCESS YOUR BENEFITS UNTIL YOU RECEIVE YOUR CARD AND SET YOUR PIN.

If you already have an EBT card, you can continue to use that card and PIN.

If you had an EBT card and cannot find it, call the Customer Service Call Center at 1-800-997-2222 and request a replacement card.

Based on information we now have, you are eligible for the following benefits:

06/24 \$ 372.00

07/24 \$ 372.00

You will receive benefits for the people listed below:

GIRL ROSE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR MEDICAID

To apply for Medicaid you must file an application through Maryland Health Connection (www.marylandhealthconnection.gov), the State's health insurance marketplace.

You can file a Maryland Health Connection application in the following ways:

- Online at www.marylandhealthconnection.gov. You'll first need to create a user account then go to "Start New Application" from the Quick Links on the Account Home page.
- By calling the Call Center at 1-855-642-8572 (TTY): 1-855-642-8573).
- In person at your local Health Department, local Department of Social Services or regional Connector Entity.
- By mailing a paper application. You can request a paper application by contacting the Call Center.

If you have any questions or need assistance with submitting an application, contact the Maryland Health Connection Call Center at 1-855-642-8572 (TTY): 1-855-642-8573).

Language services are available to assist you. If you need assistance, call 1-855-642-8572 (TTY): 1-855-642-8573). Servicios de idiomas están disponibles para ayudarle. Si necesita ayuda, llame al 1-855-642-8572 (TTY): 1-855-642-8573)

Notice 7 - Reinstatement

CAROLINE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 300 MARKET STREET

Customer ID: ######## Case Manager: MS. J DOE Telephone: (410) 238-1303 DENTON, MARYLAND MD 21629-1229

Date: 04/23/15

District: CAROLINE LDSS

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Dear MS. Last Name

REINSTATEMENT

Based on a review of your case, you will receive Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) for ##/##. Your TCA benefit will be

You will receive assistance for the following people:

Name Name

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Notice 10 - Deny an Individual

CAROLINE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
300 MARKET STREET
DENTON, MARYLAND MD 21629-1229

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Date: 04/23/15

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
300 MARKET STREET
DENTON, MARYLAND MD 21629

Dear MS. Last Name

DENY AN INDIVIDUAL

Based on your application dated ##/##, the following people in your household are not eligible for TCA for the following months:

JANUARY, 2018

Individual reason(s):

For: Name

THE PEOPLE LISTED CANNOT GET BENEFITS BECAUSE THEY GET SSI. ACCORDING TO CODE OF MARYLAND REGULATIONS

AF 07.03.03.09 00.00.00.00 00.00.00.00

COMAR Explanation:

A PERSON WHO GETS SSI CANNOT GET TCA BENEFITS.

This action only affects the people listed above.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR MEDICAID

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- In person at your local Health Department, local Department of Social Services or regional Connector Entity.
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Notice 16 - Closing Notice for TCA, P-Track and F-Track MA

CAROLINE COUNTY

District: CAROLINE LDSS

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

300 MARKET STREET

DENTON, MARYLAND MD 21629-1229

Case Manager: MS. J DOE

Telephone: (410) 238-1303

Date: 04/23/15

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
300 MARKET STREET
DENTON, MARYLAND MD 21629

Dear MS. Last Name

Client ID ########

CLOSING

Your Medical Assistance will end on ##/##/##.

Reason(s):

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NO ONE IN YOUR FAMILY IS ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS. ACCORDING TO CODE OF MARYLAND REGULATIONS
MA 10.09.24.05 00.00.00 00.00.00.00
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This closure affects the following people:

Name

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Individual reason(s):
    For:
    Name
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THE MEMBERS LISTED ABOVE DO NOT MEET PROGRAM AGE REQUIREMENTS.

MA 10.09.24.03 00.00.00.00 00.00.00.00
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR HEALTH COVERAGE

To apply for Medicaid, Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP), MCHP Premium and Qualified Health Plans (QHPs) with or without financial assistance that includes advanced premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions, you must file an application through Maryland Health Connection (www.marylandhealthconnection.gov), the State's health insurance marketplace.

You can apply through Maryland Health Connection in the following ways:

- Online at www.marylandhealthconnection.gov. You'll first need to create a user account then go to "Start New Application" from the Quick Links on the Account Home page.
- By calling the Call Center at 1-855-642-8572 (TTY: 1-855-642-8573).
- In person at your local Health Department, local Department of Social Services or regional Connector Entity.
- By mailing a paper application. You can request a paper application by contacting the Call Center.

Medicaid and MCHP enrollment is open year-round. Enrollment in a QHP is only available during Open Enrollment unless you have a life event that qualifies you for a Special Enrollment Period (SEP). If you are no longer eligible for Medicaid for a reason other than failure to renew or have a qualifying life event, you may qualify for an SEP. To see if you qualify, complete the questions in the Special Enrollment Section of the application when you apply.

If you have any questions or need assistance with submitting an application, contact the Maryland Health Connection Call Center at 1-855-642-8572 (TTY: 1-855-642-8573).

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Notice 28 - Redetermination

CAROLINE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
300 MARKET STREET
DENTON, MARYLAND MD 21629-1229

District: CAROLINE LDSS
Customer ID: ########

MS. J DOE

Telephone: (410) 238-1303

Date: 07/23/32

Insert in Return Envelope with

the Address Below Showing

MS. First Last Name 1 WHY ST ELLICOTT CITY MD 21043 CAROLINE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
300 MARKET STREET
DENTON, MARYLAND MD 21629

Dear Ms. Last Name:

REDETERMINATION/RECERTIFICATION RESULTS

Based on your redetermination/recertification, you are still eligible for Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA). Your period of eligibility is from ##/## through ##/##. This means you will receive TCA during this period unless there is a change in your situation. Before the end of this period, we will contact you to review your eligibility.

You will receive a TCA Benefit of \$ 199.00 monthly until there is a change in your circumstance.

You will receive benefits for the people listed below:

Name

IMPORTANT

It is very important that you notify your case manager if you move. If your case manager does not have your current address at all times you will not receive important letters about continuing eligibility. You must also report changes in income, insurance and household members within ten days of such changes. If you do not report these changes eligibility may be canceled.

You will receive a separate notice from the Maryland Health Connection regarding your household's eligibility for Medicaid, Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP), MCHP Premium, and Qualified Health Plans (QHPs) with or without financial assistance that includes advanced premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions.

Maryland Health Connection Connector Entities

Region	Counties Served	Entity Name	Address and
			Phone Number
Central	Baltimore City, Baltimore, and Anne Arundel	HealthCare Access Maryland	201 E. Baltimore Street, 15 th Fl. Baltimore, MD 21202 (877) 223-5201
Capital	Montgomery and Prince George's	Montgomery County Department of Health & Human Services	8818 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910 (240) 773-8250
Lower Eastern Shore	Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester	Worcester County Health Department	424 West Market Street Suite A Snow Hill, MD 21863 (855) 445-5540
Southern	Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's	Calvert Healthcare Solutions	234 Merrimac Court Prince Frederick, MD 20678 (855) 339-3007
Upper Eastern Shore	Harford, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, and Dorchester	Seedco	216 E. Pulaski Highway Suite 212 Elkton, MD 21921 (410) 996-4839
Western	Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Carroll, and Howard	The Door to Healthcare Western Maryland, Healthy Howard	8930 Stanford Blvd. Columbia, MD 21045 (855) 288-3667

Local Department of Social Services (LDSS) and Local Health Department (LHD) Offices

Locality	LDSS Office Address and Phone Number	LHD Office Address and Phone Number
Allegany Co	1 Frederick St Cumberland, MD 21502 (301) 784-7000	12501 Willowbrook Rd Cumberland, MD 21502 (301) 759-5000
Anne Arundel Co	Annapolis 80 West St Annapolis, MD 21401 (410) 269-4500	1 Harry S. Truman Pkwy, Suite 200 Annapolis, MD 21401 (410) 222-7095
	Glen Burnie 7500 Ritchie Hwy Glen Burnie, MD 21061 (410) 269-4500	
Baltimore Co.	Catonsville 746 Frederick Rd Catonsville, MD 21228 (410) 853-3450	6401 York Rd 3 rd Fl Towson, MD 21212 (410) 887-2773
	Dundalk 1400 Merritt Boulevard, Suite C, Baltimore, MD 21222 (410) 853-3400	
	Essex 439 Eastern Ave Essex, MD 21221 (410) 853-3800	
	Reisterstown 130 Chartley Dr Reisterstown, MD 21136 (410) 853-3010	
	Towson 6401 York Rd Baltimore, MD 21212 (410) 853-3340	
Calvert County	200 Duke St Prince Frederick, MD 20678 (443) 550-6900	280 Stratford Rd Barstow, MD 20610 (410) 535-5400

Locality	LDSS Office Address and Phone Number	LHD Office Address and Phone Number
Caroline County	207 South Third St Denton, MD 21629 (410) 819-4500	403 S. 7 th Street Denton, MD 21629 (410) 479-8000
Carroll County	1232 Tech Ct, Ste. 1 Westminster, MD 21157 (410) 386-3300	290 S Center St Westminster, MD 21158 (410) 876-2152
Cecil County	170 East Main St Elkton, MD 21921 (410) 996-0100	401 Bow St Elkton, MD 21921 (410) 996-5100
Charles County	200 Kent Ave LaPlata, MD 20646 (301) 392-6400	200 Kent Ave LaPlata, MD 20646 (301) 392-6400
Dorchester County	627 Race St Cambridge, MD 21613 (410) 901-4100	3 Cedar St Cambridge, MD 21613 (410) 228-3294
Frederick County	100 East All Saints St Frederick, MD 21701 (301) 600-4555	350 Montevue Lane Frederick, MD 21702 (301) 600-1029
Garrett County	12578 Garrett Hwy Oakland, MD 21550 (301) 533-3000	1025 Memorial Dr Oakland, MD 21550 (301) 334-7720
Harford County	2 South Bond St Ste 300 Bel Air, MD 21014 (410) 836-4700	120 S Hays St Bel Air, MD 21014 (410) 638-8415
Howard County	7121 Columbia Gateway Dr Columbia, MD 21046 (410) 872-8700	8930 Stanford Blvd Columbia, MD 21045 (410) 313-5845
Kent County	350 High St Chestertown, MD 21620 (410) 810-7600	125 S Lynchburg St Chestertown, MD 21620 (410) 778-1350
Montgomery County	Rockville 1301 Piccard Dr. 2nd Fl Rockville, MD 20850 (240) 777-4600	Rockville LHD 1335 Piccard Dr, 2nd Fl Rockville, MD 20850 (240) 777-3075
	Silver Spring 8818 Georgia Ave Silver Spring, MD 20910 (240) 777-3100	Silver Spring LHD 8630 Fenton St. 10th FI Silver Spring, MD 20910 (240) 777-3066

Locality	LDSS Office Address and Phone Number	LHD Office Address and Phone Number
Montgomery County	Germantown 12900 Middlebrook Rd. Germantown, MD 20874 (240) 777-3420	Germantown LHD 12900 Middlebrook Rd Germantown, MD 20874 (240) 777-4448
Prince George's County	Hyattsville 6505 Belcrest Rd. Gr Fl Hyattsville, MD 20782 (301) 209-5000 Landover 425 Brightseat Road, Suite 242 Landover, MD 20785 (301) 909-6000 South County MSC 4235 28 th Ave, Suite 101 Temple Hills, MD 20748 (301) 316-7700	425 Brightseat Road #101 Landover, MD 20785 (401) 324-2933
Queen Anne's County	125 Cornet Dr Centreville, MD 21617 (410) 758-8000	206 N Commerce St #1 Centreville, MD 21617 (410) 758-0720
Somerset County	30397 Mt. Vernon Rd Princess Anne, MD 21853 (410) 677-4200	7920 Crisfield Hwy Westover, MD 21871 (443) 523-1761
St. Mary's County	12110 Leonard Hall Dr Leonardtown, MD 20650 (240) 895-7000	21580 Peabody St Leonardtown, MD 20650 (301) 475-4330
Talbot County	301 Bay St Easton, MD 21601 (410) 770-4848	100 S Hanson St Easton, MD 21601 (410) 819-5600
Washington County	122 North Potomac St Hagerstown, MD 21740 (240) 420-2100	1302 Pennsylvania Ave Hagerstown, MD 21742 (240) 313-3200
Wicomico County	201 Baptist St Ste 27 Salisbury, MD 21801 (410) 713-3900	108 E Main St Salisbury, MD 21801 (410) 749-1244
Worcester County	299 Commerce St Snow Hill, MD 21863 (410) 677-6800	9730 Healthway Dr Berlin, MD 21811 (410) 629-0164

Locality	LDSS Office Address and Phone Number	LHD Office Address and Phone Number
Baltimore City	Harbor View 18 Reedbird Ave Baltimore, MD 21225 (443) 423-4700	201 E. Baltimore Street, Suite 920 Baltimore, MD 21202 (410) 649-0512
	Northeast Regional Office 2000 N. Broadway Baltimore, MD 21213 (443) 423-6100	
	Northwest Family Investment Center 5818 Reisterstown Road Baltimore, MD 21215 (443) 378-4400	
	Dunbar-Orangeville 2919 E. Biddle Street Baltimore, MD 21213 (443) 423-5200	
	Hilton Heights 500 N. Hilton Street Baltimore, MD 21229 (443) 423-4800	
	Southwest 1223 W. Pratt Street Baltimore, MD 21223 (443) 423-7800	
	Penn-North 2500 Pennsylvania Ave Baltimore, MD 21217 (443) 423-7600	

ACTIONS:

Case Managers should take the following actions:

- > Remember: Effective April 1, 2015 process all MAGI MA in the HBX.
- Continue to follow the procedures in Action Transmittal 15-13, Health Care Application Procedures.
- ➤ Make every attempt to finalize all existing MAGI MA applications initiated in CARES by 3/31/15.
- Review the Client Database Participation History (CDBP) in CARES and MMIS to see if MA already exists in the HBX <u>prior</u> to establishing a new MAGI MA application.
- After finalizing MAGI MA applications, check MMIS three business days after the finalization date to verify active coverage prior to creating C-TADs.

INQUIRIES:

Please direct TCA policy questions to Marilyn Lorenzo at (410) 767-3333 or marilyn.lorenzo@maryland.gov, and CARES questions to La Sherra Ayala at (410) 767-7288 or lasherra.ayala@maryland.gov. For questions about MA policy, please contact the DHMH Division of Eligibility Policy and MCHP at (410) 767-1463 or 1-800-492-5231 (select option 2 and request extension 1463).

cc: DHR Executive Staff
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